

MEDIATORS ARE IN CONFERENCE, BUT AMERICA PROCEEDS WITH WAR PREPARATIONS; FUNSTON BRIGADE DUE TO REACH VERA CRUZ TODAY

PEACE OFFER ACCEPTED BY TWO NATIONS

Conference Opens at Washington, But War Plans are Continued.

HUERTA NOTE OUSTED

South American Countries Would Act as Mediators in Affecting Settlement.

Washington, D. C., April 27.—European diplomats in Washington, it is learned, are pessimistic over a successful outcome of the mediation proposals of the South American governments. There are few who believe that success can eventuate from them, despite the encouraging effect of the three European powers urging Huerta to accept.

It is stated that those who are undertaking the exercise of good offices, do so without commitment on their part as to conditions. When the formalities of acceptance are concluded it is expected that each side will formulate conditions and it will then be for the mediators to try and find some common ground for an agreement.

The success of the first step toward mediation coupled with the apparent effort of the big European powers to prevent war and secure settlement of the problem removed from the situation some of the elements of tension which has gripped it for several days. Senator Stone, chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations, who conferred with the president, said that members of congress would generally approve of mediation.

Washington, D. C., April 27.—Conferences of Latin American diplomats representing Brazil, Chile and Argentina, who offered their good offices to compose the Mexican situation, followed quickly today further assuring messages from Mexico City that Huerta had agreed to the first steps in mediation negotiations.

Further encouragement in the situation came in advice from Berlin that Germany, France and Great Britain had urged Huerta to yield to the American demands. When this was communicated to the president he was greatly pleased. Later the German ambassador informed Secretary Bryan his government would support the mediation proposal. The navy department declared the authorities in Mexico City had agreed to provide transportation for all Americans in Mexico City as far as Soledad, the Mexican controlled end of the railroad to Vera Cruz.

This also was gratifying to the president, the negotiations having been carried on by the British and German officials. Activity continued at the war and naval departments.

Washington, D. C., April 27.—Word that Huerta had accepted the good offices of Argentina, Brazil and Chile, was conveyed to President Wilson today through diplomatic sources. Huerta's formal acceptance has not yet been drafted, but he informed diplomats in Mexico City who took up the subject with him that he would accept.

The conference was arranged for this morning between Spanish Minister Riano, in charge of Mexican affairs, and Argentina Ambassador Naon, representing South American countries, who tendered their good offices, concerning Riano's advice from Mexico City that Huerta had accepted the proposal and subsequent procedure by the three mediators. The latter will hold a meeting later.

No official announcement had been made public up to 10 o'clock today by Spanish Ambassador Riano relating to the acceptance by Huerta of the initial mediation proposals. Private advice which reached him from Mexico City were generally accredited as prophetic. Riano believed official word would come from Huerta during the day, however, and arranged for a conference with Naon to consider future plans.

There has been no let up in the activity of the war-making forces of the government today.

No Americans Killed.

After a conference with President Wilson, Secretary Bryan announced that arrangements had been completed to permit all Americans in Mexico City to leave there. Seven hundred American men and women are pre-

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 p. m. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Unsettled weather with probably showers this afternoon, tonight and Tuesday, cooler; fresh to strong winds.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 65. Highest yesterday, 83, lowest last night 60. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 4 miles per hour.

Precipitation in last 24 hours, none. Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 41; at 7 a. m., 81.

Stage of water, 4.2, a rise of .4 in last 48 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mars, Venus, Saturn. Morning stars: Mercury, Jupiter. Planet Venus seen in the evening 5 degrees south of the moon, about midway between the Pleiades (six stars) and Hyades, low in the west-northwest.

paring to go, comprising the last remnants of the American colony.

Mr. Bryan said as far as authentic information was concerned he knew of no American citizens killed in Mexico City or elsewhere in the Mexican republic the last few days.

The state department received a report that 80 American refugees were placed aboard the monitor Cheyenne at Ensenada, 15 Americans were left at Ensenada, and 60 remained to be taken out at San Quentin, in the interior of lower California. Refugees arriving at Naco, Arizona, report four or five hundred refugees making their way from the neighborhood of Cananea to the border.

Mexicans Tie Up Railroad.

The British consular agent at Puerto, Mexico, confirms a report that the Tehuantepec railroad is in the hands of Mexican military authorities, who have stopped all traffic. Nearly two hundred refugees are on board shops of the American Hawaiian Steamship company at Puerto, Mexico, many of them without proper clothing.

The war department ordered the transfer of Mexican prisoners held at Fort Bliss, near El Paso, to Fort Wingate, New Mexico, in view of possible developments. The secretary said that efforts were still being made to obtain the release of 33 Americans detained at Aguas Calientes and those held on the railroad between the capital and Vera Cruz.

To Entrain at El Paso.

The Mexicans, consisting of soldiers and refugees, have been held at Fort Bliss since they fled across the border after the battle of Ojinaga. The defeated federalists, pursued by victorious constitutionalists, crossed the Rio Grande and were rounded up by United States troops. The war department feared so large a colony of Mexicans near the border might excite Mexicans across the river, and perhaps lead to an effort to

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U. S. POPULATION NOW 109,000,000

Estimates Based on the 13th Census Made Public by Director Harris.

Washington, D. C., April 27.—The United States is a country of 109,000,000 people, according to the bulletin containing the estimates of population for the years subsequent to the 13th census, soon to be published by Director William J. Harris of the bureau of the census, Department of Commerce. It was prepared under the supervision of C. S. Sloane, geographer.

As stated the estimated population of the United States for July 1, 1914, will be 109,021,992. The population of the United States and its possessions in 1910 was 101,748,269; so there will have been an estimated gain of over 7,000,000 persons in a little more than four years. The corresponding estimated population of continental United States for July 1, 1914 is 98,781,324, as compared with the population of 91,972,298, as returned by the enumerators, April 15, 1910.

Estimates of population are required primarily for use in the census bureau in calculating death rates and per capita averages for years other than the census year. The so-called arithmetical method was adopted for computing these estimates. It is the simplest and it has been shown by experience to come nearer in accuracy in the majority of cases than any other formula. It rests on the assumption that the increase in population each year since the enumeration is equal to the annual increase from 1900 to 1910.

The population of the state of Illinois is placed at 5,986,781, against 5,368,591 in 1910.

London, April 27.—The condition of Victor Herbert, the American composer, who was operated on yesterday for appendicitis, was slightly improved today.

HUERTA LETS REFUGEES GO TO VERA CRUZ

Dictator Said to Be Assisting Americans Out of His Capital.

ALL WILL BE RELEASED

Leniency Shown Natives in City Held by United States Brings Better Treatment.

Vera Cruz, Mexico, April 27.—There was rejoicing here today when word was received from British Minister Carden at Mexico City that Huerta had agreed to permit another refugee train to leave the capital and that 200 foreigners, including Americans, would arrive at Vera Cruz tomorrow.

A statement was given out in behalf of Admiral Fletcher that he had information which led him to hope for the early arrival of more Americans from Mexico City, for better treatment of all Americans there and probably for their eventual release.

Troops commanded by General Funston were expected before nightfall. Funston will have supreme command ashore.

Causes Change of Heart.

Fletcher refused to give the source of his reassuring information, but it was intimated at headquarters that a consistent policy of lenient treatment accorded Mexicans in Vera Cruz had brought a change of heart in the capital. Because of the delicate nature of the negotiations and the number of lives which may depend on them, it is considered probable here that no extension of lines already established by the Americans will be attempted while negotiations are pending.

This will become a matter for Funston's decision, however, upon landing, since Fletcher has already been advised that the general is to have supreme command ashore.

Aviators in Readiness.

There is great activity about the aviators' camp, near Babing beach, where smooth water affords every facility for arising and landing. Should the machines be required later, the aviators will be ready.

American authorities here are unable to predict just what disposition will be made of the first troops to land, but it is supposed the infantrymen will be used in patrolling streets and the cavalry on picket lines beyond the city limits. Naval officers will welcome relief of the bluejacket battalions from patrol duty ashore, as they say their men are not accustomed to the monotonous grind of sentry duty. Both bluejackets and marines, however, are maintaining a clear record for orderly conduct.

Telegraph Lines Reopened.

It is regarded here as significant that restoration of telegraphic communication with Mexico City, followed immediately after the return to the capital of General Ramon Corona, chief of staff of Huerta. Corona has been informed by Captain Henry Huse, chief of staff of Fletcher, that all Mexicans desiring to could leave Vera Cruz, and would be provided with transportation. Huse had urged Corona to assure Huerta that the American admiral found nothing reprehensible in the action of civilians of Vera Cruz in defending their homes, as he believed this the highest privilege of any man. It appears Corona was much impressed with the way in which the American looked after the Mexicans who were brought out under the care of Huse.

Natives Surrender Arms.

As a result of the order that all arms in possession of civilians must be given up, provost marshals have seized 500 rifles, 100 revolvers, 300 machettes and 25,000 rounds of ammunition. Since the American order was issued inhabitants have given up 4,000 rifles, 1,200 revolvers, 1,000 machettes, 24 boxes of gunpowder and 50,000 rounds of ammunition.

FEDERAL QUIZ OF ROCK ISLAND LINE

Washington, D. C., April 27.—The interstate commerce commission today ordered two investigations, one into the operations of the Pere Marquette railroad, and the other into the operations of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific.

AJAX



ZAPATA IS TO JOIN HUERTA FORCE IN WAR

Rebel Head in South, With Chiefs and Followers, to Surrender.

TO FIGHT THE INVADER

General Villa Tells Reporters He Would Welcome Solution of Complications.

New York, April 27.—The Evening World prints the following copyrighted dispatch:

"Mexico City, April 27.—Preliminaries are being discussed today at Cuernavaca for the surrender of Emiliano Zapata with his chiefs and followers, who expressed a desire to fight on the government side against the 'foreign invader'."

"The capital is quieting down. There is no longer a rush of Americans to get away. Many Americans have decided to remain. Sunday was quiet and orderly. Mexicans in general are most considerate to Americans remaining here. Nearly all American stores have reopened."

Villa Favors Mediation.

Juarez, Mexico, April 27.—General Villa expects to leave for the south today, but said he would return to Juarez soon. At Chihuahua he expected to hold a conference with Carranza concerning American relations and the mediation plan of the big South American republics. In addition, he had important duties in the south in connection with organizing the campaign against the federalists, who, after defeats at Monterrey, Torreon and San Pedro, have rallied their scattered forces at Saltillo. Villa telegraphed General Gonzales, whose troops captured Monterrey, to treat foreigners with every consideration and disregard exaggerated reports of strained relations between the rebels and the United States. Villa said to reporters he would favor the mediation plans.

"I feel sure of a speedy solution of complications and that we can go ahead with our revolution plans."

No Demonstrations Allowed.

Washington, D. C., April 27.—Generals Oregon and Alvarado of the constitutionalists in the state of Sonora have notified their forces that any demonstration against Americans or speeches will likely lead to hanging.

Constitutionalists are continuing their attack on Tampico, according to dispatches from Admiral Mayo. The American consul at Tampico and consular force are on American warships.

Rebels Occupy Nuevo Laredo.

Laredo, Texas, April 27.—Three hundred Mexican constitutionalists have occupied Nuevo Laredo, recently evacuated by federalists.

MEN IN OIL FIELD ASK FOR GUARD

Navy Department Receives Request Through Owners of Wells South of Tampico.

Washington, D. C., April 27.—The navy department has received a request from oil interests in New York that an American force be sent to rescue 100 employees about seventy-five miles southwest of Tampico. The request stated the men are well armed, but are unable to get to American ships because of fighting between the constitutionalists and federal troops about Tampico.

Elevator Fire Loss \$200,000.

Duluth, Minn., April 27.—The Bell Line elevator, in Superior, the ownership of which recently was transferred by the Peavey Elevator company of Minneapolis to the Cargill Elevator company, was destroyed by a \$200,000 fire yesterday.

Boats Upset; Woman Drowns.

Ottumwa, Iowa, April 27.—Miss Virginia Harlan was drowned and three companions had narrow escapes when the canoe in which they were cruising was overturned yesterday. The body of Miss Harlan has not been recovered.

PEACE PROSPECT SENDS STOCKS UP

New York Traders Who Had Sold Short Bid Excitedly for Securities.

New York, April 27.—The prospects of peace with Mexico caused an excited rush upward of stocks today. Prospects of a long war with Mexico led to heavy speculative selling last week at steadily falling prices. The proposal of mediation and its reported acceptance by Huerta sent up prices with a rush at the opening today. Traders who had sold short bid excitedly for stocks to cover, and for the first half hour there was a lively scene on the floor.

Mexican petroleum stock, which was especially heavy last week, jumped 15 1/2 points. No such movement had been witnessed on the exchange for several years. Bears, in a panic, pushed up prices 10 points on the first transaction, and thereafter a point at a time. After the excitement had died down quotations slipped back until 11 points of advance was lost. American Smelting, which was particularly heavy last week, owing to extensive interests in Mexico, jumped four points on the first sale. Elsewhere gains ranged from 1 to 3 points.

Despite big gain in early trading, the market closed with heavy realizing and professional selling reduced the gains and the whole market weakened when Mexican petroleum, Canadian Pacific and Colorado fuel began to break. Mexican petroleum reacted to more than a full point under Saturday's close.

Chicago, Ill., April 27.—Peace prospects had a bearish effect today on the wheat market.

London, Eng., April 27.—There was smart recovery on the stock exchange today on news that Huerta had accepted proffered mediation.

BUTTER COMBINE BROUGHT TO END

Directors and Members of Elgin Board Acquiesce in Terms of Federal Decree.

Chicago, Ill., April 27.—The government's decree in the anti-trust case against the Elgin Board of Trade was entered today before Federal Judge Landis. In accepting the decree Landis declared the action in which members of the Elgin board directorate acquiesced, marked the end of "coloration of butter prices." By the terms of the decree directors of the Elgin board and members are permanently enjoined and restrained from further engaging in a combination of conspiracy such as charged in the bill of complaint.

WILSON ASKS OIL CHIEF TO END A STRIKE

John D. Says All Family Colorado Interests Are Held By His Son.

SCORES OF LIVES LOST

Situation in Coal Fields Described Worse Than Mexico by Cabinet Member.

Washington, D. C., April 27.—President Wilson has made a personal appeal to John D. Rockefeller to bring about a settlement of the Colorado coal strike and attendant violence which already has cost a score of lives and large property loss.

Rockefeller, who owns a large part of the mines affected by the strike, in response to a telegram from the president, declared he had turned over his interests in Colorado to his son, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., whom he would ask to cooperate with Chairman Foster of the house committee on mines and mining. The president sent Foster to New York today to talk with young Rockefeller.

Upon the outcome of the conference depends whether federal troops asked for on all sides of the controversy will be sent to the strike zone. Recently young Rockefeller, at the hearing of the house committee, said the mine owners would fight to the end, even though they lost all they have invested in Colorado.

"Nothing that has happened in Mexico," said a cabinet official today, "is compared with the awful things that have occurred in Colorado."

Foster Mission Fails.

New York, April 27.—Chairman Foster of the house committee on mines, after a conference here with young Rockefeller, said: "Nothing accomplished." He will return to Washington.

GUYANT REPORTS HE IS ON HIS WAY

Decatur, Ill., April 27.—Parents of American Consul Guyant at Ensenada received a message today that he and other Americans were fleeing to the United States on a steamer.